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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT

: ADO/ONS Procedure Change

- 1. Effective immediately, the Administrative Duty Officer will contact the Field Support Staff each workday at circa 1630 hours to learn of any seriously ill or MEDEVAC case(s) in process.
- 2. Currently the Cable Secretariat Duty Officers (who probably have no medical background) make the determination whether or not the ADO should be informed. This is not an equitable procedure. It places an undue responsibility on the Cable Secretariat.
- 3. Field Support Staff has requested the Cable Secretariat to inform his duty officers that all medical cable traffic with the precedence of priority or immediate (including NIACT) be brought to the attention of the ADO. The message(s) may not require action but may contain an update on the status of a seriously ill patient. It will be the judgment of the ADO as to what action is required or whether it can wait and be reported to 0-D/MS (FSS) no later than 0815 hours of each workday. Established holiday and weekend procedures will continue.

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